

[22 March, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

Armed Forces launched a massive emergency relief operation for rescuing the people buried under the debris. International search and rescue teams supplemented these efforts to save human lives. However, necessity has been felt for undertaking long term measures for human resource development. A National Committee on Disaster Management has, accordingly, been set up under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, including representatives of political parties at the Central and State level and it was decided to constitute a Working Group which in turn will set up Task Forces for suggesting long term measures.

#### **Study of faults relating to earthquake**

2884. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the frequent earthquakes taking place in the region and the discovery of many faults that cut across the Indian Crust, Government have any plan to take up extensive study of these faults; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The faults and tectonic features are picked up by the Geological Survey of India during their systematic geological mapping programme. The Government has initiated study of faults after the Latur Earthquake 1993. A number of state of the art seismic stations have been installed in the peninsular shield, which are contributing data to the National Network being operated by India Meteorological Department. The Geological Survey of India is also associated with this exercise. These seismic networks are helpful to identify active faults and map them in three dimensions.